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Re application of: Alexandr Ivanovich NIKITIN, et al
Serial No.: 10/009,921 Group No.:
Filed: November 16, 2001 Examiner.:
For: METHOD OF DECORATIVE-FACING SLABS MANUFACTURING,
BASED ON A GRANULE-POWER GLASS-BREAKAGE, AND THE MODULE
INSTALLATION FOR THEIR MASS LINE PRODUCTION

Attorney Docket No.: U 013722-1

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We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached English-language version of an International-type Search Report from a foreign office in respect of counterpart International Application No. PCT/RU99/00385 that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. The Search Report makes consideration of any non-English art required. MPEP 609.,

We also draw the attention of the Examiner to RU 212 1462 which is considered in the specification.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5	7	9	2	5	2	4	8/1998	Lingart, et al	428	34.4	
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	AM	2	0	0	4	5	0	7	12/1993	RU				X
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Dates, Etc.)

	AR	English translation of the claims of RU 2004507 dated December 15, 1993
	AS	English translation of the claims of RU 2083513 dated July 10, 1997
	AT	English translation of the claims of RU 2121467 dated November 10, 1998

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The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

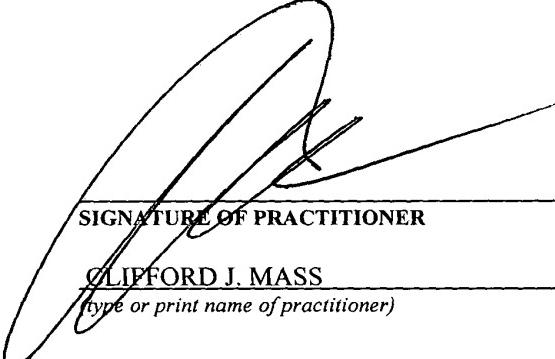
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